

pilot and founder of The Heritage Group who died on November 28, 2018 at the age of 94. He was a pillar of the Indianapolis community and an outstanding patriot, businessman, family man, friend, trusted advisor and mentor to many, including myself. Fred was known for his ingenuity and hard work which he displayed throughout his tremendous life. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Fred's significant contributions to our City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and our United States of America.

A life-long Hoosier, Fred was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1924 to John and Ruth Fehsenfeld. He was a graduate of Shortridge High School, where he and his three brothers loved sports and music. He went to Purdue University at the age of 17 and majored in mechanical engineering. It was there where Fred had his first flying experience with the Purdue Glider Club. At the age of 18, in the middle of World War II, Fred enlisted in the US Army Air Corps and at the age of 20 he was assigned to the 354th Pioneer Mustang Fighter Group in France, a famous group of P51 Mustangs and P47 Thunderbolts. A true patriot, Fred courageously flew 89 missions in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Air Medal with three Silver Clusters and a Silver Star. Fred led his squadron on the last official flight in the European Theater of Operations, barrel rolling over an Austrian prisoner of war camp to let his fellow pilots know the war in Europe was over. Ever dedicated to our country, he later served in the Indiana Air National Guard.

Fred later earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue University. In 1946 he married his college sweetheart Mildred (Midge) Cornelius and throughout their life together had seven children. Fred began his career at Rock Island Refining as a process engineer. A few years later, his father John asked him to join the family business, Crystal Flash Petroleum, a company that employed 100 people and operated gas stations and sold home heating oil. An extremely hard worker and creative problem solver, Fred quickly grew the family business and entered into the asphalt industry. Dedicated to success, he taught himself how to manufacture asphalt by conducting research at the public library. In 1960, he built an asphalt facility, which is still in operation today. With his passion for business and an entrepreneurial spirit, Fred transformed Crystal Flash Petroleum into the Heritage Group, which today employs 6,500 people worldwide. With operations in North America, Europe, and China, the Heritage Group grew to include interests in Environmental and Remediation, Specialty Chemicals and Fuel Products, as well as Construction and Materials. Fred, who earned the reputation as an extraordinary boss, was dedicated to prioritizing the well-being of his employees and treated them as partners. Known as an incredible relationship builder, he was able to draw remarkably talented people to the company and regarded them as members of the extended Fehsenfeld family.

Fred's commitment to improving the American economy was equaled by his desire to tackle challenges with national implications. This passion led him to develop the concept of Critical Commerce Corridors, which separate car and truck lanes on interstate highways. The corridors will save lives while reducing pollution and congestion. The concept of Critical Commerce Corridors was included in the

Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act which was signed into law on December 4, 2015. Due to his efforts, Indiana's Governor Eric Holcomb recognized Fred in 2017 for his many contributions to the State of Indiana, naming Interstate 865 the "Fred M. Fehsenfeld, Sr. Highway."

In his personal life, Fred was a committed member of his community, a member of Junto for over fifty years, a former Chairman of the Asphalt Institute and a loyal supporter of his alma mater, Purdue University. With gifts to Purdue, he established the Purdue Energy Fund, the Fehsenfeld Family Head of Environmental and Ecological Engineering and expanded the Division of Environmental and Ecological Engineering. He also received an honorary doctorate in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. In addition, Fred was the recipient of many Sagamoses of the Wabash from several Indiana governors, the highest honor the governor of Indiana can bestow upon a citizen.

Fred was preceded in death by his first wife, Mildred (Midge) and two of his children, Jan (John) Dillow and Mike (Robin) Fehsenfeld all of whom are greatly missed. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Fred's wife, Barbara, his brother, Mac Fehsenfeld, his additional five children, Jo (Nick) Rutigliano, Fred (Suzie) Fehsenfeld Jr., Jim (Becky) Fehsenfeld, Frank (Judy) Fehsenfeld, Judee Fehsenfeld as well as his twenty grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

THE MAJESTIC METRO— HOUSTON'S HISTORICAL HUB

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, after speaking on the House floor more than 2,000 times since joining Congress some fourteen years ago, I can promise you the majority of the many hours spent in this chamber were focused on history. This comes as no surprise. You could say I am a history buff of sorts. Heck, everyone knows it. My walls at home in Texas and here in Washington have been filled with memories from the past. Texas history in particular is what I love most.

Well, Mr. Speaker, today I want to talk about a little piece of Houston, Texas history that many Houstonians may not know about, the Majestic Metro. The Majestic Metro is the last remaining in-tact theater in Houston built before 1930. It is safe to say that parking garages have taken the place of many former historical theaters. But, not for the Majestic Metro. It still stands strong in the vibrant heart of downtown Houston.

Originally owned by sisters Stella and Lillian Scanlan, and opened April 15, 1926 under its maiden name, the Ritz, the primary role of this theater was to entertain the masses. Its grand opening showcase was the Buck Jones feature, "The Fighting Buckaroo." What better way to start off its tenure than with a country-western film. But, there is one unique aspect about this movie and others during its time, there was no sound, except for that of the live music in the background. That's right, no fancy high tech sound systems, just a pipe

organ. So, the only thing movie-goers were hearing was the chuckles, snuffles, and gasps of their neighbors with the organ in the background. With tickets ranging from 5 cents and 15 cents during the beginning of the Ritz, many Houstonians found their way to Preston Street in downtown Houston for a night out.

The history of the Ritz is so rich because of the many stories its walls can tell. From different owners and styles such as silent country-western films to Spanish films, the Ritz became the Cine Ritz during the 1940's. Decades later, in the 60's and 70's, the name that Houston now knows, the Majestic Metro, was born. The Majestic Metro at this time saw a transition from the old fashion silent country-western and Spanish films to exploitation and kung fu films, then to more mature films, a little too explicit for the RECORD I'm afraid.

Well Mr. Speaker, times were tough, and the theater came to a close. However, like every good feature film, or at least the ones I like, there was light at the end of the tunnel for this Houston landmark. Local businessman, Gary Warwick, and history buff like me, had a vision for this unique piece of the past.

Instead of allowing the theater to be demolished or showing those old westerns the theater had once known, Gary turned this historical landmark into a place where history would continue living. Today, the Majestic Metro captures the beauty of the past by maintaining many stylistic features of the original architecture.

The Majestic Metro wasn't Gary's only historical contribution to Houston. He was also a pivotal player in the project to restore the Market Square Clock in Houston's Market Square, just a few feet from the Majestic Metro. The Market Square Clock which is a part of the Louis and Annie Friedman Clock Tower is on the corners of Travis and Congress in downtown. For Gary's efforts in the restoration project, he was able to be the first person to hand wind the clock upon its completion in the restoration.

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly why I love history. The Majestic Metro saw the best of times and the worst of times, but it has withstood time as one of Houston's most authentic historical landmarks. The walls of the Majestic Metro have quite a few stories to tell, and thanks to Houstonian Gary Warwick, they can continue to share their history and beauty for years to come.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING LUKE ROMANG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Luke Romang. Luke is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Luke has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Luke has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Luke

has become a Brotherhood member of the tribe Mic-O-Say. Luke has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Luke organized and built a wood shed for the Antioch Community Christian Church with the assistance of his fellow Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Luke Romang for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THANKING PERRY FINZEL

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Perry Finzel for his service to my office and the 21st Congressional District of California over the past year.

Mr. Finzel was born in El Paso, Texas on May 18, 1979. Soon after graduating high school in 1997, Mr. Finzel joined the United States Marine Corps. In his seventeen years of service, Mr. Finzel was involved in enlistment recruitment, military operations, and the supervision of components crucial to the success of personnel. He was known as a hard-worker, adept multitasker, efficient manager, and dedicated soldier. Perry was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant, after participating in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). We are forever grateful for his service to our nation.

Perry's commitment to excellence extended far beyond his military career. He was successful in obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Business, concentration in Management, from the University of Phoenix. Beginning a new chapter in Bakersfield, California, Perry also worked as a supervisor for a solar company and customer service associate for a hardware store.

Perry became a member of my Congressional Team in 2017, serving as our Wounded Warrior Fellow and Kern County Field Representative. He proved to be a strong asset in Kern County, creating meaningful connections with community leaders and representing my team with charisma and professionalism. Local leaders consistently praised Perry for his genuine care for the community and willingness to show up to countless meetings and events. His dependability in field representation combined with his powerful ability to connect with people made Mr. Finzel an invaluable member of my team and a true public servant to the people of California's Central Valley.

Outside of work, Perry enjoys staying involved in veteran service organizations. He also loves spending time with his family. Perry and his wife, Julie, have two beautiful children: Cadence and Nate. Raising his children with his wife has become one of the greatest joys in his life. This January, Mr. Finzel will be moving on to new ventures. Knowing Perry, his character and worth ethic, I have no doubt he will achieve many great things in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Perry Finzel for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him the very best in this next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO KATE BARLOW

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to commend Kate Barlow, who has loyally served on my staff as director of scheduling and operations for over six years. Previously she served in a similar role for Rep. Wally Herger (R-CA).

Kate has simultaneously served as expeditor, gatekeeper and manager of my daily schedule. Given my dual role, as Representative of the 39th District of California and Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, this has never been an easy task. As we can all attest, the trajectory of a day on Capitol Hill is never a straight line nor does it end as planned.

In her role, Kate has brought order out of chaos and extinguished daily fires with technical skill and humor. Given the sheer volume of meeting requests from embassies and foreign dignitaries, she has learned to say sometimes "yes" and often "no" with grace and professionalism in many languages. She has shown daily kindness and patience in a place lacking in both.

Over the last year, Kate's role in my office has grown to serve as director of protocol and member services for the House Foreign Affairs Committee. She successfully organized and took part in a bipartisan congressional delegation trip to South America and coordinated committee-wide meetings with visiting Heads of State.

I have no doubt she will continue to grow and succeed in her future endeavors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Kate Barlow for her service.

TRIBUTE TO HERB JACKSON OF THE BERGEN COUNTY RECORD ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take a moment today to praise the work of a longtime New Jersey reporter who has announced his retirement from The Bergen Record. Herb Jackson is one of New Jersey's most cherished reporters. He has covered my state's congressional delegation in Washington for over 20 years and reported on critical issues and concerns for New Jerseyans encountered. At a time when reporters are under attack, it is essential to honor the role that journalists play—in telling stories that need to be heard and holding elected officials accountable. Herb has done that with fervor and pride, giving insight on issues that matter in New Jersey and beyond. I greatly value the work that Herb put in each day here in D.C. to keep my constituents informed of the work that we do here in Congress. The news community is losing a successful journalist who is respected by many. He will be hard to replace and we are eternally grateful for all the time that he put in with the Record. The New Jersey delegation will

miss Herb, and I wish him good luck in the next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO MARK V. BOZIGIAN

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mark V. Bozigian on his retirement after a long distinguished career in public service, serving most recently as City Manager for the City of Lancaster, California.

While he is best known for his extensive career in public service, Mark cultivated his business and managerial acumen in the private sector after graduating from Loyola Marymount University with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Business Administration. It was during his time in the private sector that Mark developed the tireless work ethic that would define his tenure at the City of Lancaster. For ten years, Mark worked for Hughes Aircraft, where he held a variety of management positions, most notably as Business Manager for two of Hughes Aircraft's laser production programs. Mark also gained experience as a realtor and as a small business partner, forging pivotal personal and business relationships that he carried with him into his career in the public sector.

Mark has served the City of Lancaster for 24 years, building a portfolio of accomplishments across his roles as Lancaster's Transportation Programs Coordinator, Redevelopment Director, Assistant City Manager, and City Manager. During his eleven years as Lancaster's City Manager, Mark has dedicated his time and energy to bolstering public safety, economic development, transportation, neighborhood revitalization, and obtaining Federal and state grant funding for city projects. Most notably, Mark has overseen Lancaster's impressive development in renewable energies, working to make the city the solar capital of California and courting companies to bring jobs and clean energy technology to our community. Mark's efforts have been a great success—Lancaster's economy has grown under his guidance, and the city now produces more solar power per capita than any other city in California. Mark also worked to revitalize Lancaster's downtown BLVD district and has been a key player in the recent, rapid growth of Lancaster's booming aerospace industry.

More than anything else, Mark routinely demonstrates a love for his city and the people he represents, working around the clock to better Lancaster without ever seeking credit or commendation for his service. Once, following heavy rains that caused flooding on Lancaster's east side, Mark was among the first on the scene. Knee-deep in water in his suit, he walked door-to-door informing and reassuring citizens that help was on the way. During a Fourth of July celebration, city traffic was so heavy that it reached a standstill, but Mark was there acting as a traffic guide, doing his best to ensure that Lancaster's citizens could get home a little more easily. Mark always took responsibility, and always put the interests of the people of Lancaster first.

I have known Mark as a tireless advocate for the needs of his city. Over the years, it has been an honor to work with him to improve the